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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

HEBDEN ROYD U.D.C.—

Medical Officer of Health:

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

S. F. SCHOFIELD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H.
(commenced 1-7-68).

Senior Public Health Inspector:

T. W. TINDALL, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

K. RAMSDEN, M.A.P.H.I.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL—

Preventive Medical Services: Health Division 19.

Staff with duties in the Hebden Royd District:—

Divisional Medical Officer—As above (M.O.H.).

Senior Departmental Medical Officer:

*S. F. SCHOFIELD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H.
(commenced 1-7-68)

Departmental Medical Officer:

*W. C. McKERR, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Divisional Nursing Officer—

*C. J. BARKER, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
H.V. Cert., Queen's Nurse.

Health Visitors—

M. WILD, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
H.V. Cert, Queen's Nurse.

*K. BURTON, S.R.N., H.V. Cert.,

Assistant Health Visitor—

*†E. A. HELLIWELL, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor:

*B. G. NICHOLL, S.R.N.

Mental Welfare Officers:

*R. ALLEN, R.N.M.S.

*C. E. DUFFY, S.R.N., R.N.M.S.

Midwives

*A. B. HOBSON, S.R.N., C.M.B., Queen's Nurse.

*M. A. THOSEBY, S.C.M.

Home Nurses:

S. A. M. LEEDER, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.

*H. MASH, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.

* Also have duties in other parts of the Division.

† Part Time.

Senior Divisional Clerk:

H. MARSHALL, A.C.I.S., A.R.S.H.

Deputy Senior Divisional Clerk:

Miss J. SUTCLIFFE (retired 5-5-68).

Clerks:

Miss P. Jackson (retired 8-4-68), Mrs. M. Redfern, Miss M. J. Crowther, Miss S. M. Horsfall, Mrs. A. Duffield (nee Fielden), Mrs. S. E. Maynard (resigned 29-2-68), Miss K. Gill, K. G. Holland, Miss J. Marshall (resigned 21-6-68), Mrs. L. F. Clarke (commenced 11-3-68), Mrs. M. Cridge (commenced 9-4-68), Miss L. Noble (commenced 29-7-68), Mrs. J. Sanderson (commenced 4-12-68).

**HALIFAX AREA HOSPITALS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****Consultant Staff:**

Chest Physician:

BERTRAM MANN, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon:

W. M. S. IRONSIDE,

M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.A.C.C.P.

Ophthalmic Surgeon:

S. B. DAVIES, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.O.

Orthopaedic Surgeon:

G. HYMAN, M.B., F.R.C.S.

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Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre,
Todmorden.

December, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the twenty-second Annual Report since the inception of the scheme of Divisional Health Administration.

Under the Divisional Health Scheme your Medical Officer of Health is also Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council's local health services, and with the amalgamation of the former Todmorden and Brighouse divisions he now has similar functions and responsibilities in respect of the other seven districts in the enlarged division which includes all the County area served by the Halifax Hospitals. This scheme has led to a closer integration of Local Authority Health Services.

In 1968 there were 133 live births and the birth rate was 15.0 per thousand. These figures are slightly lower than those for 1967. The death rate was 18.0 and was the highest for many years. There has been an alteration in the classification of causes of death this year, so it is not possible to give a direct comparison with previous years. The principal causes of death show little change, the commonest being diseases of the heart and circulation and cerebral vascular disease. This high death rate from degenerative conditions is only to be expected with the large proportion of elderly people in the district.

The regulations regarding the notification of infectious diseases were amended during 1968, first when infective jaundice was made notifiable in June, and then in October the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968, made some further additions and changes. The most prevalent infection notified was measles, of which there were 8 cases early in the year. An intensive vaccination campaign was started in April, and a total of 1922 susceptible children were vaccinated in this Health Division.

Last year I reported proposals to develop new clinic premises in Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd. The plans were completed and the work was put in hand in 1968. In Mytholmroyd we shall have purpose built premises which will accommodate general practitioners, their receptionist and the district nurse in addition to local authority services such as infant welfare and chiropody clinics. In Hebden Bridge a house adjoining the group practice premises has been adapted to make a clinic. These developments should provide better accommodation for our clinics and help to further co-operation and co-ordination between the various branches of the Health Service.

The services provided for old people in the district continue to develop. Four wardens are now employed, one of whom supervises a group of old persons' flats, and the other three visit selected cases in private houses in various parts of the district. The Meals on Wheels scheme and the Luncheon Club organised by the Old People's Welfare Committee continued to function and were very much appreciated. The chiropody scheme, which is now operated by the County Council, arranged for 517 patients to receive 2505 treatments in the clinics, and a further 291 patients who were unable to attend, received 1357 treatments at home.

Brucella organisms were found in milk samples on two occasions during the year. Individual cow samples were obtained from the two herds concerned and two infected cows were found. The farmers concerned were most co-operative in helping to identify and isolate these animals, and it was not necessary to serve any notices requiring them to submit their milk to heat treatment. Routine sampling of private water supplies showed three to be subject to pollution and a further supply was found to contain lead. Improvements were effected by installation of new pipes or by connecting to the public mains.

In 1968 the Council agreed to further clearance of unfit properties. During the year 56 houses were represented as unfit and 36 demolished. The Council built 28 new dwellings during this period but only six families required to be re-housed as a result of the clearance action. It is the policy of the Council to encourage the improvement of older properties where this is possible, and this year 43 such improvements were completed with grant aid. It is becoming increasingly important to ensure that improved houses are not affected by neighbouring properties which may be neglected and legislation has now been drawn up which will permit the Council to take steps to ensure that whole blocks and indeed whole areas are brought up to an acceptable standard.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Council for their kindness, patience and co-operation, and to thank Mr. Tindall, the Senior Public Health Inspector, for his most willing assistance in helping me to tackle the numerous problems of the Health Department.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Section I

VITAL STATISTICS

Statistics:

Area: 7,084 acres (Hebden Bridge 476 acres, Mytholmroyd 6,608 acres).

Population: Registrar-General's estimate of Resident
Population, mid-1968 8,840
1961 Census 9,411

Number of dwelling-houses 3,798

Rateable Value at 1-4-68 £246,081

Product of a Penny Rate, 1967/68 ... £940

Summary of Vital Statistics:

	Total	M	F	
Live Births *	133	65	68	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population: 15.0
Still Births *	2	2	—	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 15.0
Total Live & Still Births *	135	67	68	
Deaths of infants				Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:
Under 1 year (Total)	3	—	3	total - 22.6
Under 1 year (legitimate)	3	—	3	legitimate - 22.6
Under 1 year (illegitimate)	—	—	—	illegitimate - Nil
Under 4 weeks	2	—	2	Neo-natal Mortality Rate 15.0
Under 1 week	2	—	2	Early neo natal „ 15.0
Illegitimate Live Births *	17	9	8	Percentage of total live births 12.8
Maternal Deaths (associated with pregnancy or child- birth)	—	—	—	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & still births Nil
All Deaths	159	71	88	Death Rate per 1,000 population 18.0

* These figures include births outside the Urban District to mothers usually resident in Hebden Royd.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HEBDEN ROYD DISTRICT

		1968	
		M.	F.
B5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	1	3
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	1	—
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	0	2
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	—	2
B19(5)	Leukaemia	1	—
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	7	8
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	—
B45(4)	Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	1	—
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	31
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	2	2
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	13	18
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	4	5
B32	Pneumonia	6	6
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	1
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	2	—
B34	Peptic Ulcer	—	1
B46(9)	Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue...	—	1
B43	Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.....	0	2
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	—
BE48	All Other Accidents	0	3
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	—
BE50	All Other External Causes	—	1
Total All Causes		71	88

Principal Vital Statistics for the year 1968:

Based on Registrar General's Figures

	Hebden Royd U.D.	Hepton R.D.	Todm'den M. B.	Sowerby Br'ge U.D.	Rip'nden U.D.	Aggregate W. Riding U.D.	W. Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provisional Figures)
BIRTH RATE:— (per 1,000 estimated population)	15.0	8.7	15.8	19.9	15.0	17.5	17.6	16.9
DEATH RATES:— (All per 1,000 estimated home population).								
All Causes	18.0	9.5	15.2	14.2	15.0	12.3	11.6	11.9
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	0.11	—	0.13	—	—	0.03	0.03	0.03
Other forms of tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cancer	2.83	2.24	2.66	2.99	3.24	2.25	2.14	2.32
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3.51	1.12	7.09	1.50	1.62	1.89	1.76	* *
Heart and circulatory diseases†	7.69	3.64	6.27	5.99	6.07	4.64	4.34	* *
Respiratory Diseases:—† (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	2.38	1.68	1.84	1.80	2.02	1.74	1.66	* *
INFANT MORTALITY:— (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	22.6	—	36.1	27.0	54.1	19.7	18.5	18.3
MATERNAL MORTALITY:— (Deaths of mothers associated with pregnancy or childbirth per 1,000 live and still-births)	—	—	—	—	—	0.09	0.09	0.24

‡ Combined death rate from heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system.
† Combined death rate from influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis and other respiratory diseases,
excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system.

Section II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

A. Hospitals

There is no hospital in Hebden Royd district. Patients requiring hospital treatment are referred as a rule to hospitals under the administration of the Halifax Hospitals Management Committee (National Health Service). Included in the group are the Halifax General Hospital, Royal Halifax Infirmary, St. John's Hospital (for the aged and chronic sick), Northowram Hall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Todmorden Fielden Hospital and Todmorden Stansfield View Hospital for mentally sub-normal patients.

Maternity Beds are available at the Halifax General Hospital. Priority in booking is given to abnormal cases, mothers expecting their first child, and mothers with unsatisfactory home conditions.

Special hospitals (e.g., Mental Hospitals, special Orthopaedic Hospitals, Tuberculosis Sanatoria, etc.), outside the Halifax area are available when required; they are situated in various parts of the so-called "Leeds Hospital Region" which in fact extends into all three Ridings.

B. Ambulance Service

The County Ambulance Service Todmorden Depot covers Hebden Bridge but not Mytholmroyd, which is covered by the Halifax Corporation Ambulance Service under an agency agreement for hospital admissions. For other work arrangements are made through the W.R.C.C. Brighouse Ambulance Depot.

C. Laboratory Facilities

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at central laboratories in Wakefield and Bradford and by the Regional Blood Transfusion Service at Leeds. There are also facilities for the examination of clinical specimens, including cervical smears, at the Royal Halifax Infirmary.

D. Issue of Anti-Toxin, etc.

Supplies of diphtheria and tetanus anti-toxin are available at the Northowram Hall Hospital and the Royal Halifax

Infirmary for issue to medical practitioners requiring them. By arrangement with the Regional Hospital Board supplies of tetanus anti-toxin are also kept at the Divisional Health Office, The Medical Centre, Todmorden, for the use of medical practitioners in the division. A supply of reagents for diphtheria and whooping cough immunisation is also available free of charge to private practitioners who have undertaken to participate in the West Riding County Council's schemes of immunisation. Poliomyelitis and measles vaccines are also issued, in accordance with approved arrangements.

Section III

W.R.C.C. PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

A. Clinics and Treatment Centres

PITT STREET CLINIC, HEBDEN BRIDGE. The Child Welfare Clinic was held here every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon with a doctor in attendance on Wednesday afternoon together with the Health Visitors.

SCOUT ROAD METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Child Welfare Clinic at Mytholmroyd is held on Wednesday afternoons with a doctor in attendance on alternate weeks.

B. Care of Mothers and Young Children

**HEBDEN ROYD RELAXATION CLINICS
FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Number of expectant mothers attending during year 24*
Total number of attendances 85*

HEBDEN ROYD CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Total number of children who attended during year ... 419*
Total number of attendances4404*

HOME VISITING OF INFANTS

Total number of live births to Hebden Royd and
Hepton mothers 164
Number of first visits to children under 1 year 143*
Number of first visits to children aged 1—2 years ... 139*
Number of first visits to children aged 2—5 years ... 209*

* These figures include mothers and children who reside in the Hepton Rural District but attend the clinics in Hebden Royd.

PROVISION OF WELFARE FOODS, ETC.

National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice, etc., are distributed at the Centre and a variety of brands of dried milk and other infant foods are sold at the Child Welfare Centre for the convenience of mothers.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS

Special equipment is available for use in the homes in cases requiring it. Portable incubators are available at both the Halifax and Todmorden Ambulance Stations should it be necessary to transfer a premature infant to hospital.

PROVISION OF MATERNITY OUTFITS

These are provided free to mothers preparing for confinement in their own homes.

C. Professional Nursing in the Home

MIDWIFERY SERVICE

The West Riding County Council employ two full-time midwives in the Hebden Royd area. One nurse is responsible for the work in the Hebden Bridge and Hepton districts; the other nurse's area covers Mytholmroyd and part of Sowerby Bridge Urban District.

Number of confinements at home	36
Number of confinements in hospital	102

ANALGESIA

The midwives are trained in the administration of trilene and gas and air analgesia and provided with the necessary equipment. Analgesia is available to all mothers desiring it, subject to satisfactory medical examination.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

There are two full-time Home Nurses working in the Hebden Royd Urban District.

D. Health Visiting

The duties of the Health Visitor are combined with those of School Nurse. In pursuance of the National Health Service Act the scope of this service includes home visiting for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of children and persons (including adults) suffering from illness and/or expectant and nursing mothers. The Health Visitor also gives advice in the home as to measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

E. Home Helps

The recruitment of suitable women to be Home Helps again proved to be difficult. During 1968 108 cases were attended by Home Helps, and the total number of hours worked was 10,456, as compared with 10,406 hours the previous year.

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, the County Council provide domestic help for households “where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.”

Of the 108 cases attended in 1968, Home Helps were provided for the following reasons:— 106 aged and chronic sick, 2 maternity.

F. Care and After Care

Special provisions are in operation for the care and after care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or sub-normality, venereal disease, and other illness.

TUBERCULOSIS

A full-time tuberculosis health visitor is employed in the division. She attends the chest clinics at the Royal Halifax Infirmary, and has helped to forge a valuable link with the hospital service. She is also responsible for visiting patients at home and helps to trace and supervise their contacts. In 1968 visits were paid to 128 households in the division.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE IN FORMER
DIVISION 18 IN 1968**

(a) Mental Illness

Number of patients in the division referred to Mental Welfare Officers	304
Number admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 5 (voluntary admission)	95
Number admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 25, for observation	6
Number admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 26, for treatment ...	2
Number admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1959, Section 29 (emergency admission)	22

Number admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act, 1953, Section 60 (from court) ...	—
Number of visits made to mentally ill patients ...	2236

(b) Care of Subnormal Patients

Number of patients attending day training centres	28
Number awaiting places in training centres	—
Number of patients in hospitals	70
Number awaiting admission to hospital	—
Number admitted to hospital for short stay care in 1968	7
Number receiving care from the local health authority	73
Number of visits paid to sub-normal cases	26

G. School Health Service

Number of Schools in the district	8
Number of children in attendance at school at end of 1968	1897
Number of children examined at school during 1968	662
This figure being made up as follows:—	
Routine examinations	257
Re-examinations	405
Number of above children referred for treatment	9

H. Immunisation and Vaccination

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, immunisation and vaccination may be done either at the clinic or by the family doctor.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of children in Hebden Royd who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation in 1968

Age at 31-12-68 i.e. born in year	0-1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5-9 1959- 1963	10-14 1954-1958	Total
Completed Injections 1968	27	52	1	—	2	18	5	105

	1964/67	Children born in years		
		1959/63	1954 58	Total
No. who received a re-inforcing injection during the year 1968	—	15	1	16

Number of children in Hebden Royd who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation at any time up to 31-12-68

Age at 31-12-68 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5 to 9 1959-63	10 to 14 1954-58	Total under 15
No. immunised	27	113	87	97	78	543	521	1466

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Number of children in Hebden Royd who had completed a full course of whooping cough immunisation in 1968

Age at 31.12.68 i.e., born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	Over 4	Total
No. immunised	27	52	1	—	1	1	82

Number of children in Hebden Royd who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31-12-68

Age at 31:12:68 i.e., born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5-9 1959-63	10-14 1954-58	Total
No. immunised	27	112	85	94	77	520	346	1261

During the year there were no notified cases of Whooping Cough.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

During the year vaccinations against smallpox were notified as follows:—

Age at Date of vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2-4 yrs.	5-15 yrs.		Total
No. vaccinated	—	63	5	—		68
No. re-vaccinated	—	—	2	—		2

The West Riding County Council does not request records in respect of persons over 16 years of age.

Section IV

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Summary of Notifications received in year 1968

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified
Scarlet fever	—
Whooping cough	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—
Measles	8
Diphtheria	—
Dysentery	—
Meningococcal infection	—
Acute pneumonia	—
Smallpox	—
Acute encephalitis	—
Enteric or typhoid fever	—
Paratyphoid fevers	—
Erysipelas	—
Food poisoning	—
Puerperal pyrexia	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum	—
Pulmonary tuberculosis	1
Other forms of tuberculosis	—
	—
	9
	—

Tuberculosis

Regarding tuberculosis in Hebden Royd in 1968:—

	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Ttls.
	M	F	Ttl.	M	F	Ttl.	
No. on Register on 1st Jan. 1968	13	9	22	2	—	2	24
No. first notified during 1968	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
No. of cases restored to register	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. of cases entered in Register other than by notification	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. removed from register during 1968:—							
(a) Died	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Removed from district	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Recovered	1	2	3	1	—	1	4
No. remaining on Register 31.12.68	13	7	20	1	—	1	21

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**To the Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my nineteenth annual report as your Senior Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

The number of dwellinghouses in the area again shows a slight nett increase, new building being equally divided between the local authority and private builders.

There still remain some 600 houses without separate toilet facilities, which is 15% of all houses in the district. 29% of houses have no bath, and 34% have no wash basin. These percentages are reducing slowly, but progressively, year by year, due partly to demolition of unfit property but equally to the improvement of property by means of standard and discretionary improvement grants.

I wish to place on record the excellent work carried out by all the staff of the department, technical, administrative and manual.

My thanks are also due to Dr. N. E. Gordon, your Medical Officer of Health, and to the other chief officers of the Council who have willingly supplied certain information from their records for inclusion in this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. W. TINDALL,

Senior Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Total number of houses in the district	3,798
Number of houses erected during 1968:—	
(a) by local authority	28
(b) by private builders	29
Number of houses demolished during 1968	36
Number otherwise ceased to be used as dwellinghouses	7

Water Supply

Number of dwellinghouses on public supply	3,389
Number of dwellinghouses not on public supply	409

Sewerage and Drainage

There still remain some 193 houses not connected to a public sewer, of which number 43 are drained to septic tanks and filters or cesspools.

Closet Accommodation

Total number of houses provided with water closets ...	3,663
Number of pail closets	124
Number of waste water closets	11
Pail closets converted to water closets in 1968	1
Additional closets installed during 1968:	
(a) for old property	43
(b) for new houses	57

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Summary of inspections made during the year

Nuisances	561
Dwellinghouses (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	500
Drainage	260
Atmospheric Pollution:	
Smoke observations	15
Recording instruments	601
Water supplies	20
Infectious diseases	19
Carried forward	1,976

Food:

Food inspection	447	
Food shops	59	
Ice Cream Dealers	26	
Milk and Dairies	4	
Bakehouses	13	
Food hawkers and premises	3	
Catering establishments	14	
Butchers' shops	12	
Slaughterhouses	2	
Preserved foods	14	
Fish Fryers	7	
	—	601

Factories and Workplaces:

Factories—mechanical	24	
Factories—non-mechanical	1	
Outworkers	7	
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	198	
	—	230

Rodent control	65	
Filthy and verminous premises	10	
Interviews with owners and contractors on site	147	
Refuse collection and disposal	161	
Salvage	5	
Places of entertainment	7	
Hairdressers and Barbers	23	
Miscellaneous investigations	12	
Scrap Metal Dealers	4	
Offensive trades	2	
Pet shops	5	
Caravan Sites	3	
	—	3251

Samples Taken:**Water:**

		Bacteriological	Chemical	Plumbo Solvency
Public supplies	—	—	—	10
Private supplies	27	—	—	6
Milk	113			
Others	1			

NUISANCES AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

The number of complaints received and investigated again shows an increase. Over forty per cent. of all complaints were of rodent infestations. Of the remainder, the most frequent cause of complaint was defective drainage.

The poultry manure drying plant at Top Land, Mytholmroyd, has again been the cause of complaint from time to time during the year even though considerable improvement had been effected. I firmly believe that if these plants can be operated economically and without nuisance they can provide the answer to a very great and increasing disposal problem, for the only alternative method at present is by disposal on land, and this can give rise to severe nuisance. Disposal on land often means that raw manure has to be conveyed through the streets to the disposal point some distance away. On a number of occasions during the year poultry keepers and farmers have had to be threatened with proceedings under the Council's bye-laws regarding carriage through the streets of offensive matter or liquid. This action has resulted in the purchase of properly constructed vehicles or trailers. Nevertheless, these vehicles are often found to be in a very filthy condition.

Complaints received and investigated during the year: 257

	Informal	Statutory
Notices outstanding 31st December, 1967 ...	18	4
Notices served during 1968	67	4
Notices complied with during 1968	77	7
Notices outstanding 31st December, 1968 ...	8	1

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

New dustbins provided	120
Additional baths installed	36
Additional water closets installed	43
Additional wash basins installed	42
Dampness of walls remedied	3
Defective eaves gutters repaired	3
Defective chimney stacks repaired	6
Defective water closets repaired	13
Defective water supply pipes repaired	1
Offensive accumulations removed	9
Leaking roofs repaired	4
Defective windows repaired	1
Condensation to walls remedied	1

Defective septic tanks repaired	1
New septic tanks installed	2
Defective cisterns repaired	2
Defective downspouts repaired	1

HOUSING

Representations were made in respect of five areas during the year totalling 49 houses. Compulsory Purchase Orders were made in respect of the Marshall Terrace, Bankfoot, Lees Road, and Holme Place areas, and a Clearance Order was made in respect of the Gibraltar area. All these orders, with the exception of Holme Place, were confirmed during the year.

Clearance of the Buttress and Midgley Road areas was completed during the year and re-housing of the occupants of the Hawksclough area was in progress.

A Demolition Order was made in respect of one house and closing orders were made on a further two houses.

The number of Standard Grant applications received during the year shows a reduction of 20% over the previous year, but the number completed shows a considerable increase.

The number of Discretionary Grants approved is an increase of three over 1967.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in the district 3,798
2. Number of houses included in the above:
 - (a) Back-to-back 402
 - (b) Back-to-earth 230
3. **Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere:**

Number of houses included in representations made during the year:

 - (a) In Clearance Areas 49
 - (b) Individual unfit houses 7

A. Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas:			
Houses unfit for human habitation	36	19	7
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	—	—	—
Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	—	3	1
Not in Clearance Areas:—			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	—	—	—
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Houses subject to Closing Orders which were demolished during the year	—	—	—

B. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number		
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	7	2
Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Parts of buildings closed under Sec. 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action taken by Local Authority	35	—
After formal notices under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	5	—
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—
Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

New Dwellings

Number of new dwellings completed during the year:

(a) By Local Authority	28
(b) By private builders	29

Standard Grants

Formal applications received during the year	43
Applications approved during the year	39
Number of dwellings completed during the year	42

Improvement Grants

Preliminary applications received during the year	4
Applications approved during the year	4
Number of dwellings completed during the year	1

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Drains tested for defects	1
Defective drains found	13
Defective drains repaired	12
Defective sewers found	2
Defective sewers repaired	1
Obstructed drains found	6
Obstructed drains cleared	7
Obstructed sewers found	12
Obstructed sewers cleared	10
Obstructed gullies found	4
Obstructed gullies cleansed	4
Overflowing septic tanks found	1
Septic tanks cleansed	1
New septic tanks examined and tested	1
New drains examined and tested	56
Drains traced to outfall	13

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Observations at Redacre Sewage Works, Mytholmroyd

(Corresponding figures for 1967 are shown in brackets)

	Rainfall (ins.)	Total Solid Deposit (tons per sq. mile)
January	2.12 (1.89)	8.11 (13.34)
February	1.37 (5.20)	11.20 (23.41)
March	1.85 (2.32)	11.04 (11.29)

April	1.81 (1.06)	11.27 (6.19)
May	1.42 (4.05)	9.59 (20.95)
June	2.32 (2.16)	20.78 (11.35)
July	2.36 (2.52)	46.58 (14.21)
August	2.63 (6.34)	15.56 (15.13)
September	6.50 (5.20)	29.40 (11.34)
October	2.60 (8.27)	14.07 (19.32)
November	4.41 (2.28)	19.77 (12.86)
December	2.19 (1.33)	11.81 (10.50)

ATMOSPHERIC SULPHUR

Concentration microgrammes per cubic metre

HEBDEN BRIDGE

REDACRE

Values

Values

	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
January	172	669	28	116	574	25
February ...	208	803	103	126	442	9
March	106	337	39	68	265	3
April	95	176	64	68	124	40
May	78	128	56	52	98	26
June	42	81	19	32	78	4
July	40	78	19	30	65	8
August	37	95	11	23	57	6
September	68	200	17	48	187	3
October ...	110	276	11	82	364	22
November	144	295	32	94	369	7
December	173	264	89	127	313	15

Clean Air Act

Number of observations of factory chimneys	7
Number found to be emitting black smoke in excess ...	5
Number of notices served	5

WATER SUPPLIES

Three private supplies were found to be polluted during the year. In two cases the supplies were re-piped in alkanthene and subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory. In the third case efforts were still being made at the end of the year to find a satisfactory alternate source of supply.

A private supply to a house and shop and two lock-up shops (one a food shop) was found to have a lead content in excess of the maximum permitted. The owners concerned were persuaded to install mains supply to all three properties.

Samples:

Type of sample	No Satisfactory		No. Unsatisfactory	
	Public Supplies	Private Supplies	Public Supplies	Private Supplies
Chemical	—	—	—	—
Bacteriological ...	—	24	—	3
Plumbo-solvency .	7	2	3	4

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases investigated	Dysentery 9
Faeces specimens submitted to laboratory	12

FOOD

Food inspection

The only slaughterhouse in the district is operated by a firm of wholesale butchers. One hundred per cent. inspection of all animals killed has been carried out. No lesions of tuberculosis were found during the year, and only five cases of *Cysticercus Bovis* were diagnosed. Whilst the incidence of these two diseases continues to be negligible, other conditions, although showing no appreciable increase over 1967 do account for quite a considerable quantity of meat condemned. Parasitic infestation of livers is the most frequent cause of condemnation and pneumonia in pigs is quite common.

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows only	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	693	99	4	3238	906
Whole carcasses condemned:					
Tuberculosis only	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercus Bovis	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases	—	—	1	—	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned:					
Tuberculosis only	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercus Bovis	5	—	—	—	—
Other diseases	265	25	—	798	82
Percentage of carcasses inspected infected with:					
Tuberculosis only	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercus Bovis	0.72	—	—	—	—
Other diseases	38.23	25.25	25.00	24.64	9-27

Weight of food condemned

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Meat and Offals	2	1	2	11	8
Food in containers:					
Meat and meat products ...				18	8
Milk and milk products ...				1	8
Fruit and vegetables				6	—
Other foods:					
Frozen foods				16	—
	2	1	3	25	8

Food Hygiene

Type of Premises	Number on Register	Number with wash basins	Number with sink	Number of Inspec- tions	No. of contra- ventions Found	No. of written notices served	Number of contra- ventions remedied
Catering							
Establishments	24	24	24	11	1	—	1
Food Shops	59	43	27	31	4	1	4
Bakehouses	9	9	9	14	5	1	4
Butchers' Shops	11	4	10	13	1	1	1
Markets	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Food Hawkers	9	3	—	2	—	—	—
Fish Fryers	5	4	3	6	2	—	2
Slaughterhouses	1	1	1	447	3	—	1
School Canteens	4	4	4	—	—	—	—

Preserved Food

Type of Trade	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of contraventions Found	No. of notices served	No. of contraventions Remedied
Sausage Making	5	4	—	—	—
Potted and preserved Meat	1	—	—	—	—

Ice Cream

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of contraventions Found	No. of notices served	No. of contraventions Remedied
Manufacturers	1	1	—	—	—
Retailers	22	20	—	—	—

	Mobiles				Premises			
Samples:	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Grade	—	—	—	—	14	1	—	—

Milk and Dairies

Most of the milk retailed in the district is farm bottled by producer-retailers. The milk is of excellent quality and there have been no reported cases of milk-borne infections. However, the organisms of contagious abortion were found in samples from two herds. Individual samples were taken from 36 cows in the two herds and two infected animals isolated. These two animals were removed from the herds and subsequent samples were satisfactory.

Number of distributors on register, 31st Dec., 1968 3
 Number of producer-retailers 15

Milk Samples

Designation	Bacteriological			Brucena Abortus		Ring Test	
	No. of Samples	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory	No. Positive	No. Negative	No. Positive	No. Negative
T.T. Pasteurised	1	1	—	1	—	—	1
T.T. farm bottled	112	16	—	10	102	4	108

FACTORIES, WORKPLACES AND SHOPS

There are now only eight outworkers in the district on the lists sent in by local firms. In 1960 there were forty.

Work under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act has been mainly concentrated during the year on securing rectification of contraventions previously reported. Fifty-five notices were complied with during the year.

Factories

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Prosecutions
		Inspections	Writt'n N'tic's	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are enforced by Local Authority	1	1	—	—
(2) Factories (not included in (1) above) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	105	14	1	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	—	—	—	—
<i>TOTAL</i>	106	15	1	—

Premises in which defects were found:

Defects	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	By H.M. Inspector	Referred To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors.....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient	1	—	1	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total</i>	2	1	2	—	—

Factories Act 1961—(part VIII)

Outwork — Sections 133 and 134

Nature of Work ----- (1)	SECTION 133				SECTION 134	
	No. of Out- workers in August List required by Sec. 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Pro- secutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (Making etc., cleaning and washing)	8	—	—	—	—	—

Outworkers:

Total number of outworkers on August lists	8
Number on lists forwarded by other Authorities	7
Number residing in district	8

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Total number of registered premises at year end	93
Total number of those:	
(a) Offices	32
(b) Retail shops	50
(c) Wholesale shops and warehouses	1
(d) Catering establishments open to the public and canteens	10
(e) Fuel storage depots	—
Number of inspections made	198
Number of informal notices served	9
Total number of contraventions found	35
Number of notices complied with	55
Exemptions granted	1

CARAVAN SITES

There are no sites in the district now licensed for caravans.

PET SHOPS

There are two pet shops on the register, one in Hebden Bridge and one in Mytholmroyd.

BOARDING KENNELS

There is now only one premises licensed for this purpose in the district. It is situated in Cragg Vale and is maintained in a satisfactory condition.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS

There are four premises registered under the Act. There are no licensed premises in the district.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

Number on register:

Ladies' Hairdressers	13
Hairdressers and Barbers	5
Number of inspections made	16

RODENT CONTROL

Type of premises	Found to be infested		Treated by Rodent Operative	Number of Notices served	Notices complied with
	Rats	Mice		Rat Proofing	
Dwellinghouses	19	46	65	—	—
Business Premises	20	12	32	3	3
Agricultural Property	—	—	—	—	—
Local Authority	1	3	4	—	—
(excluding houses)					
Total	40	61	101	3	3

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Weekly collections were again maintained throughout the year with the exception of local holiday periods, but with some difficulty due to staff shortages, particularly towards the end of the year. Recruitment of suitable men is becoming increasingly difficult, and working with depleted crews and trying to maintain schedules is having its affect on the older members of the staff.

Labour costs continue to rise steadily year by year, but vehicle expenses were held at approximately the same level as the previous year.

Quantities of refuse collected and tipped:

	Loads	Bins
Domestic refuse	1975	
Night soil	152	
Trade refuse	758	11389
	2885	11389

COST OF SERVICE

The following figures are calculated from information supplied by the Treasurer and are for the financial year ended 31st March, 1968.

Expenditure:

Collection:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages and Insurance, etc....	9386	9	9			
Transport	2220	2	9			
Building and Equipment ...	262	3	2			
Miscellaneous	29	18	1			
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Disposal:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages and Insurance, etc. ...	833	7	10			
Roads, Equipment, etc.	76	17	9			
Mechanical Equipment	253	0	8			
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Salvage:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages and Insurance, etc. ...	726	19	7			
Equipment	44	4	2			
	<hr/>			771	3	9
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				13833	3	9

Income:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Trade Refuse	342	3	2			
Tipping Charges	258	14	0			
Salvage	1700	19	5			
Miscellaneous	65	13	2			
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Total nett cost	£11465	14	0
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VEHICLE RUNNING COSTS PER MILE

(Period 1st January to 31st December, 1968)

	Repairs	Oil and Grease	Tyres and Tubes	Tax and Insurance	Fuel	Anti-Freeze	Painting	TOTAL	Remarks
No. 2 - Karrier Bantam. 7 cu. yd. Side loader, diesel engine Age of vehicle - 8 years	10.24d	0.79d	0.15d	8.56d	4.96d	0.20d	0.29d	25.19d	
No.3 - Karrier Bantam. 10/12 cu. yd. Dual tip, diesel engine Age of vehicle - 6 years	13.71d	0.54d	1.48d	5.56d	5.89d	0.19d	0.11d	27.48d	
No.4 - Karrier Bantam 10/12 cu. yd. Dual tip, diesel engine Age of vehicle - 3½ years	8.25d	0.59d	2.72d	5.95d	5.38d	0.09d	0.12d	23.10d	
No. 5 - Karrier Bantam. 7 cu. yd. Side Loader, with night soil tank Age of vehicle - 1 year	0.81d	0.20d	0.05d	3.20d	4.43d	0.11d	0.08d	8.88d	
TOTALS	33.01d	2.12d	4.40d	23.27d	20.66d	0.59d	0.60d	84.65d	

SALVAGE

It is pleasing to be able to report an improvement in waste paper sales over the previous year. There has been an appreciable upward trend in the demand for waste paper, and it is hoped that this will continue into 1969, though with long experience of the fluctuations in the waste paper industry it is always extremely difficult to forecast what may happen in twelve months' time.

Year ended 31st December, 1968

MATERIAL	WEIGHT			INCOME		
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Waste paper: mixed	262	12	1	1918	1	9
Ferrous metal	6	0	0	24	0	0
Non-ferrous metal	0	18	0	55	5	0
Textiles	2	18	2	34	15	3
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	272	8	3	£2032	2	0
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